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WITH THE SHOW

BUFFALO BILL HERE IN ALL HIS WESTERN GLORY.

Great Aggregation of Fine Horsemen from all Parts of the World

Buffalo Bill's Wild West aggregation reached Pontiac shortly after six o'clock this morning via the Illinois Central from Springfield on a train of two sections of 25 cars each.

With all the precision of a great army in the field the big show went into camp at the Smith show lot across the Wabash on East Howard street. Each band of Indians, each squad of soldiers, each "bunch" of cowboys were under the direct charge of a commanding officer. In almost less time than it takes to tell it everybody was settled in quarters, and long before noon no one could have told but that the camp had been there a month or more, so well regulated was everything.

This morning the street parade took place. The route was lined with people, who enthusiastically received the splendid showing of magnificent horses and the world's most interesting people. Col. Cody, the same stalwart, wiry, keen-eyed, clear-headed "Buffalo Bill" of a score or more years ago, when he fought the Indian chief, Yellow Hand, to the death in a bloody knife duel, rode at the head of the parade. Except that his hair is fast whitening, there is nothing about him to indicate he is within ten years of man's allotted time of "three score years and ten."

A few general ideas were shockingly dispelled in the minds of those who witnessed the arrival of the show. The cowboys, who are always pictured as chewing huge hunks of tobacco and filling the air with profanity, smoked cigars like gentlemen and never uttered a loud word. The Indian braves, according to the story books, should have immediately lighted their pipes upon their arrival on the grounds and allowed the squaws to pitch the wigwams, carry the water, build the fires etc.; but they did nothing of the sort. Like well-trained Pontiac paleface husbands, they went to work with a will putting up their tents and doing the chores. One good looking young warrior got a roasting in the Sioux language from his squaw, and after that held the "papoose" as meekly as could be. The pictured Boers are all fat fellows, with huge beards, but the real ones with the show are not fat, and only two out of fourteen wear whiskers. The others are clean shaven, and several are mere youths. The British soldiery is not done up in fiery red coats and huge bearskin shakos, as the picture books show. They wear the yellow khaki uniforms and soft felt campaign hats, just like the American soldiers now in Cuba and the Philippines.

Sentiment swayed the audience at the performance this afternoon when the detachment of United States cavalry rode into the arena, and the soldiers of the Kaiser and the Canadian Mounted Rifles were well received. The Canadian Strathcona horse, the mounted police of Canada, gave a magnificent exhibition of riding and drilling while mounted, and the Indian chiefs with their war paint and feathers made their little ponies desperately hard to win the honors and glory of the race in which they take part.

The old features of the Wild West Show, the prairie emigrant schooner attacked while crossing the plains by marauding Indians, the Indians repulsed, the United States artillery drill by veterans from Captain Thorpe's Battery B, Fifth Regiment, the lasso and feats of horsemanship by Mexicans, the Arab horsemen, the life saving drill by a detachment from one of the life saving stations on the Jersey coast, all served to keep up the enthusiasm until Buffalo Bill himself, mounted on a magnificent charger which answers every pressure of his fingers on the bridle rein, rode into the arena and circled the ring to the music of cheers from a thousand voices. The life saving crew of the United States attracted a great deal of attention in their exhibit of how thousands of lives are saved each year.

Then Miss Annie Oakley broke glass balls and clay pigeons with her customary expertness this afternoon and a pony express rider gave an exhibition of how quickly he could change his mount and be off in delivering mail matter in the Wild West. "Johnny" Baker assumed fancy poses while breaking clay pigeons two at a time, shooting backward, from kneeling position, lying on his back, holding the rifle over his head, and from many other positions.

The broncho "buster" gave exhibitions of how to control and break wild horses, and Cody himself, armed with a rifle and mounted on a fast speeding horse gave exhibitions of sharpshooting that won the plaudits of the crowd. The performance ended with the "Battle of Tien-Tsin," in which the entire company with the exception of the Indians took part.

Strangest of all, the canvassmen are not loudly profane, whisky-soaked, red-nosed brigands, who would commit cold blooded murder for fifteen cents if they wanted a drink real bad, but, on the other hand, are quiet, well dressed, gentlemanly fellows, who seldom if ever use a bad word, and who, to a great extent, have "cut out" booze as being their natural enemy. The Indians, which one would naturally suppose to be the wildest and hardest to control, give the least trouble and are as tractable and obedient as the average house servant. Mr. Dexter Fellows, the press agent of the show, is a mild mannered, ministerial looking chap, with an inexhaustible fund of wit and good humor. He is called "the parson" by the cowboys, because he wears a frock coat and a white tie. But he is a jolly specimen of a sky pilot.

The management stated this afternoon that the performance this evening would be an exact counterpart and reproduction of the one this afternoon and in no way would one of the features be slighted. All intending to go this evening will see one of the finest performances of its kind in the world and will be assured that they saw as much as the audience this afternoon.

VERY NEAR FATAL

Miss Stephens of Weston Takes Poison by Mistake.

Last Monday, September 23, it was rumored that Miss Verna Stephens of Weston, had taken poison at a late hour Sunday night and the people of that place were all worked up to a high degree, and anxious to know if she had taken the drug by mistake and what would be the result. Dr. Otis, of Fairbury, was hastily summoned and it was found that the girl had swallowed strychnine by accident as the poison was near some medicine which she had frequently taken. By mistake she got the wrong bottle. Miss Stephens is one of Weston's charming young ladies. She is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion S. Stephens. The sad accident was a shock to her parents and many friends, but at this time she is rapidly improving and it is hoped she may entirely recover.

NEW CITY TREASURER.

John Sutherland Appointed by the Mayor Last Night.

At a special meeting of the city council last night called for the purpose of appointing a city treasurer, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Isaac Esslick, Mayor Legg appointed John Sutherland, whose appointment was confirmed by the council.

Mr. Southerland is an enthusiastic young Republican, an able accountant, and one altogether worthy of the honor conferred upon him. He was a member of Company I during the Spanish-American war, and was with the company during their campaign in Porto Rico. He is at present a trusted employe of the Pontiac Shoe Mfg. Co.

NOTICE FOR LETTING OF CONTRACT.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received for the construction of an 8-inch vitrified sewer pipe sewer with two manholes and a flush tank extending from a point in the center of Walnut street 40 feet south of the south line of Wabash avenue thence south to the center of the intersection of Walnut street and Michigan avenue, thence west along the center line of Michigan avenue to a point 182 feet east of the east line of Main street to connect with the 8 inch sewer constructed to that point in the City of Pontiac, County of Livingston and State of Illinois as a whole in accordance with the ordinance therefor. Said bids will be opened on the 9th day of October at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall of the said City of Pontiac, Illinois, the specifications, plans and profiles made a part of said ordinance and blank proposals will be furnished at the office of the City Clerk of said city. The contractor will be paid in cash or vouchers due in five annual installments beginning January 2, 1902, which said vouchers except the first will draw interest at 5 per cent per annum. All proposals or bids must be accompanied by cash or certified check payable to the order of the President of the Board of Local Improvement for the sum equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the bid. Said proposals or bids must be delivered to the President of said Board and at the time and place above mentioned. The Board of Local Improvement reserve the right to reject any or all bids if they deem it best for the public good. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a good and satisfactory bond equal to the contract price guaranteeing said improvement against defects arising from poor material and workmanship for the period of five years from the date of completion and acceptance thereof.

A. M. Legg.
S. E. Sims.
John S. Murphy,
Board of Local Improvement.

Dated this 28th day of September, 1901.

FUNERAL OF MRS PHILLIPS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elver L. Phillips was held from the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon, a very large number of friends of the deceased being present. The casket containing the remains was covered with a mass of floral tributes from sympathizing friends. Rev. Hatfield officiated. Those present from a distance were: W. Rothfus, of Lincoln, a brother of the deceased; Miss Mollie Farner, of Decatur, a cousin, and J. C. Bolay, of Lincoln, a brother-in-law. Interment was in the city cemetery. Mrs. Phillips was an earnest christian lady, having been a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and through her last illness showed great patience.

BISHOP SPAULDING'S LECTURE.

The subject of Bishop Spaulding's lecture at St. Mary's church Sunday evening October 6, will be "Success in Life." Admission 25 cents.

Musical concert at Second Baptist church by Miss Henrietta Davis, October 2. Admission 25 cents.

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